

Torrance, California.
June 12th., 1934.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a Regular Meeting in the City Hall, Torrance, California, on Tuesday, June 12th., 1934.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Ludlow at 7:45 P.M.

City Clerk Bartlett called the roll. Those answering present were Councilmen: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. Absent: Councilmen: None.

Councilman Klusman moved the minutes of the regular meeting of May 22nd., 1934, and the minutes of a Special Meeting of June 11th., 1934, be approved as written. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

City Clerk Bartlett read a communication from Percy Phoenix, Commander Bert S. Crossland Post No. 180, requesting a permit to erect booths within the city limits of Torrance for the purpose of selling fireworks on the first, second, third and fourth of July. Councilman Klusman moved this request be granted. Councilman Stanger seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication from the Torrance Chamber of Commerce was read recommending that a sum sufficient to cover cost of a fence along the proposed Cedar Avenue northerly extension through the General Petroleum Corporation's property be included in the city's budget for the approaching fiscal year. Councilman Klusman moved this letter be filed. Councilman Stanger seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

City Clerk Bartlett read a communication from Shell Oil Company covering statement of amount due City of Torrance on pipe line franchises for 1933 amounting to \$77.39.

A communication from the Torrance Chamber of Commerce was read submitting a copy of the budget for this Chamber for the next fiscal year. Mayor Ludlow ordered this placed on file.

City Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the Great American Indemnity Company, New York, recommending changes at the park to eliminate certain hazards, the City Clerk & Park Commissioner to see that recommendations are complied with.

Councilman Hitchcock reported that a stop sign at Hawthorne Avenue and Pacific Electric Railway Crossing north of 182nd. Street has been placed, and also reported the work on Strawberry Street is completed. Mayor Ludlow asked about the painting of stripes on the various streets. Engineer Leonard stated this was being done now. Councilman Hitchcock stated he had notified a committee from the Chamber of Commerce that no more garbage would be dumped at the City Yard.

Attorney Rippy stated we have received the title and deed on the property down at Walteria and a resolution should be passed requesting the Board of Supervisors to waive taxes for fiscal year 1934-35 and read title to

RESOLUTION NO. 628

REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO
WAIVE THE TAXES ON LOT 35, BLOCK "A"
TRACT NO. 7506 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1934-35.

Councilman Klusman moved that Resolution No. 628 be adopted. Councilman Stanger seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Attorney Rippy stated he had taken up the matter of a refund of lighting assessment in South Torrance with the County Auditors Office and received reply that there is no authority for such a refund by the city and the County would object to a levy for that purpose.

Councilman Stanger called attention to the fact that the city would need a pound master this year and read an offer from M.N. Angood, 14800 S. Western Ave., Gardena, California. After some discussion, Councilman Stanger moved Mayor Ludlow appoint a committee of three and pay a visit to this place and make recommendation at next Council Meeting as to proper procedure for the coming year. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. Mayor Ludlow then appointed Councilman Stanger, Chairman, and Councilman Hitchcock and City Clerk Bartlett as the committee.

Councilman Stanger read a report by the Los Angeles County Health Department for the months of April and June.

Councilman Stanger moved that 1000 ft. 2½" American Municipal Hose at \$1.00 per foot, 500 ft. 1½" American Municipal Hose at 65¢ per foot be purchased amounting to \$1325.00. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, the record of vote is as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Stanger reported that the Fire House at Walteria is progressing very favorably at this time.

Councilman Klusman moved the chairman instruct the City Clerk to invite the president of the Torrance Water, Light & Power Company to join with the Council and discuss what could be done toward purchasing the water plant. After some discussion, Councilman Stanger seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. The time set for the meeting is tomorrow afternoon June 13th., at 4:30 P.M.

Councilman Klusman moved that the Council make a setup of \$200,000. of the bonds and all the legal appurtenances thereto and advertise for sale to the public. Motion was lost for the want of a second.

Councilman Tolson stated some slight improvements had been made at the ball park for radio broadcasting and a wire screen put up as mentioned before. He also stated we are trying not to curtail any of the activities of the Boy and Girl Scouts in the use of the bus. However, the bus is not safe for long trips and we have decided not to send it on trips of more than 20 miles. Requests for the bus should be made two or three days a head of time it is needed. The Recreation Department has the use of it Saturdays.

Mayor Ludlow called attention to the fact that the fountain in the center of the park is not completed. Mayor Ludlow moved that we instruct the park committee to select a suitable ornament, cost not to exceed \$50.00 installed, to complete the fountain. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, the record of vote is as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Tolson stated he talked to one electrician about the possibility of getting lights in at the picnic grounds and expects to have estimates in before long. Consideration is also being given to the concessions.

Mayor Ludlow stated that a meeting has been arranged with the California Water Service Company Thursday, June 21st., 1934, at 4:30 P.M.

Mayor Ludlow suggested we proceed tonight to fix date on our water bonds as of July 1st., 1934, and fix the interest rate. Councilman Klusman moved that Resolution No. 629 Fixing Date and Interest Rate on Bonds be adopted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, the record of vote is as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Ludlow made a report of the Metropolitan Sewer Meetings stating that the District was trying to get SERA funds to complete the sewer in South Torrance and that two requests had already been made. A trip had been made by Mr. Quinn and Mr. Warren to Washington which was well worth while as the matter was considered worthy of Government support and practically put back on slate again.

Oral communications:

Mr. Albert Isen offered a suggestion that the center piece in the fountain be something in memory of J.S. Torrance.

Councilman Stanger reported a bronze tablet from the Fleet Reserve is ready for the cactus bed and that they will cooperate any time the city wants the plat dedicated.

A matter of a celebration at the park preferably for the Fourth of July was discussed. Clerk Bartlett suggested Councilman Stanger act as chairman. Mr. Whyte stated there were plans afoot for a general celebration for the opening of the bank in July and also for the Columbia Steel boys' successful termination of their troubles. Mayor Ludlow appointed Councilman Tolson as a committee of one to meet with this committee.

Councilman Stanger moved that all bills properly audited be paid. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, the record of vote is as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Stanger, Tolson and Ludlow. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the meeting be adjourned to Friday, June 15th., 1934, at 4:30 P.M. Councilman Stanger seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mayor Ludlow declared the meeting adjourned at 9:25 P.M.

A. H. Bartlett
City Clerk of the City of Torrance.

Approved:

L. R. Ludlow
Mayor of the City of Torrance.